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## **Sen. Shafer named chair of Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee**



ATLANTA – State Sen. David Shafer (R-Duluth) has been named chairman of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee by Senate President Pro Tempore Eric Johnson (R-Savannah).

"Senator Shafer's experience dealing with tough, complex issues is needed as we face Georgia's future energy demands." Sen. Johnson said following Shafer's appointment. "We also need his leadership as we try to find the right balance between the free market and government regulation."

The Senate Regulated Industries Committee has jurisdiction over legislation dealing with electric power, natural gas, telecommunications and emerging broadband technologies. The Committee also has jurisdiction over regulated industries and professions – including accounting, engineering, architecture, surveying, real estate brokerage and appraisal, general contracting, homebuilding and alcohol distribution and sales.

“Sen. Shafer is a great asset to the Senate,” Senate Majority Leader Tommie Williams said. “His knowledge of the issues and policy is incomparable. The legislation that is assigned to the Regulated Industries Committee often is extremely technical; however, I am confident that Sen. Shafer will provide the necessary leadership to perfect the legislation for the good of all Georgians.”

Sen. Shafer was elected to the Senate in 2002. He has served as administration floor leader for Gov. Sonny Perdue and as chairman of the Senate Science and Technology Committee.

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*Sen. David Shafer serves as Chairman of the Senate Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee. He represents the 48<sup>th</sup> Senate District which includes portions of Fulton and Gwinnett counties. He may be reached by phone at 404.651.7738 or by e-mail at [david.shafer@senate.ga.gov](mailto:david.shafer@senate.ga.gov).*